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# "MACBETH" OPENS WEDNESDAY

## Ten Colleges Represented By Debaters

### Hamilton Host To East Teams

The Hamilton College Debate Society will be host to ten Eastern colleges tomorrow at a tournament for novice debaters. Among the teams expected to be represented are Syracuse, Cornell, Wells, Hobart, Champlain, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Utica, Union, and Colgate.

At a meeting held on December 5, a special committee, Prof. J. Franklin Hunt, advisor, Elliott Howard, chairman, Dale Williams, Walter Herz, and Arnold Lerman, decided that the tournament should consist of one round of debates in the morning followed by two rounds in the afternoon.

**Full Day Scheduled**

The program for the day is as follows: The guests will arrive about 10:30 A. M. and meet in the chapel. At 11:00, the first of the three rounds will be held. Dinner will be served to the guests in Commons at 1:00, and the second round of debates will begin at 2:00. The third and last round is scheduled to begin at 3:30. A final meeting will be held at 5:00; then the visitors will be free to leave when they choose.

**Faculty Advisors to Judge**

Each of the three rounds will consist of ten separate debates to be held simultaneously in various locations on the campus to be announced tomorrow. The faculty advisors of the teams will act as judges for groups other than their own. Men to fill the combined positions of timer and chairman for each debate will be chosen from the Hamilton student body.

Mr. Hunt, who has been elected president of the N. Y. State Debate Conference, reported to the club earlier in the year that novice debaters have not been receiving adequate training in many

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## Wallace B. Johnson To Visit Europe

*Mr. Wallace B. Johnson, Secretary of the College, will leave December 19 on an aerial trip through Europe where he will visit many European capitals.*

*His first stop will be in London, and then he will travel to Paris where he will spend Christmas week visiting William E. Weld, '35, and his family, and Philip Jessup, another Hamilton graduate who is working on the Berlin situation for the United Nations Council.*

*Mr. Johnson then plans to stop at Vienna to see John G. Earhardt, '15, Ambassador to Austria. In Prague he will visit John H. Bruins, '18, Councilor to the American Embassy. Mr. Johnson will make his last stop at Rome, after which he will return via Paris and London and arrive in the United States about January 20.*

## Squires Hold Civil Liberties Faculty Forum

On Thursday evening, December 2, the third program in the 1948-49 Squires Club Lecture Series was held in the Chemistry auditorium. The program consisted of a forum by Messrs. David M. Ellis, John S. Gambs, Henry C. Smith, and Mitchell Wendell, under the moderation of Mr. J. Franklin Hunt. *Can We Protect Civil Liberties?* was the topic discussed.

The program was divided into two parts, the first of which consisted of arguments advanced by each of the members of the forum. Mr. Ellis stressed the influence of the findings of the President's committee on civil liberties. He also enumerated several of the present-day minority groups suffering discrimination. Mr. Smith spoke principally on negro discrimination. He stated that civil liberties could be strengthened by a more realistic approach to our social problems. Mr. Wendell showed the relationship of law to

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## Student Council Wants To Revamp Elections

At a monthly meeting of the Student Council last Monday evening, Nat Mann presented the report of the Committee on Revision of the Nominations and Elections System. The Committee recommended that the Constitution be amended, providing a) that in order for a student to be nominated for the Student Council, a petition in his behalf, bearing the names of at least forty students, should be presented to the Student Council Elections Committee at least eight days before the election; b) that no student may sign more than one petition nominating a student for any single office; and c) that the names of all nominees shall be announced in Chapel and in the *Spectator*.

A Committee was appointed to work out a recommendation to the Administration that the Council should receive a certain percentage of the Student Activities fund to support any student organization not mentioned in Article 6, Section 4 of the Student Council Constitution.

Pete Kesler announced that the Hamilton College identification cards had arrived and that they would be distributed to all students at an early date.

The Council voted to grant the Sophomore Class a loan to cover the unexpected costs of the Pep Rally party given by that class on November 12.

## SCA Collection To Go Abroad

The Student Christian Association last Thursday and Friday completed collection of books and clothes from the fraternity houses and dormitories on the Hill. Presently assembled beneath the Christmas tree in the Library, the collection will be packed by members of the group and sent to the overseas disposition center of the World Student Service in New York.

Last year the accent of the drive was upon the generally needy people throughout the world, but this year the materials are being sent to students of overseas colleges and universities, many of whom are unable to attend classes because they lack proper clothing and necessary course material .

William Hutchison has been general manager of the drive this year.

Mr. Paul Hayner spoke on "Religious Principles of the Reformation" before the Student Christian Association on December 6. This was the final in a series of talks on the Reformation present-

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## Interfraternity Council Plans Better Chapel

The Interfraternity Council, at its regular meeting last Tuesday, resolved to take steps to make the Wednesday Chapel Assemblies more effective in unifying the College Community. Specifically, the Council recommended to the Dean that there be more participation in Assemblies by the Administration and Faculty; that there be a reduction in routine announcements; that the student body follow the seating plan and the plan whereby the Chapel is vacated in class order; and that *Carissima* be sung at the end of each meeting.

The Council also recommended to the Dean that the Faculty be asked to check carefully the excused absence list and that all Faculty members announce hour exams at least one week in advance.

An excess of $16.40 was reported in the Foster Child Fund. It was decided that this sum should be used to send the child whom the student body has adopted a package sometime during the year.

## Clark Soliloquy Given Wednesday

Everett Clarke, noted radio actor and monologuist, presented a dramatic soliloquy entitled *Rulers of Men* in the Soper Hall of Commons last Wednesday evening. Proceeds from the performance went to the College Community Fund. During his visit to Hamilton, Mr. Clark was entertained at a banquet at the Alexander Hamilton Inn on Tuesday evening, and at a Tea at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Percy Saunders on Wednesday afternoon.

## First Student Directed Play In Forty Years

### Carter Plays Lead In 3-Night Run

With rehearsals moving into the final stages, the opening performance of the Charlatans' production of *Macbeth* is scheduled for next Wednesday evening, December 15, in the Clinton High School Auditorium. To be given there a second time the following evening, December 16, the show will move to Utica for a final performance at Proctor High School on the night of Saturday, December 18.

**To Be All-Student Effort**

*Macbeth* marks the Charlatans' first all-student production in several years. The resignation of Professor Theodore R. Bowie as faculty advisor to the organization earlier this year has forced the club to produce this drama without faculty direction.

The performance to be given in Utica is primarily for high school English students of that city. However, some tickets will be available to the public. Professor Peter Dodge, Hamilton alumnus and head of Proctor High School's English Department, is sponsoring this presentation.

**Veteran and New Actors To Appear**

For the most part, veteran actors have been cast in the major roles. Actor-director Dwight Carter portrays Macbeth, while Sonia Grant, wife of Jack Grant, plays the part of Lady Macbeth. Douglas Parrott is Macduff. Banquo is played by Herbert Blitz and Duncan by Robert Pigott.

A group of new faces is appearing with the Charlatans this year. Among these present in the cast of *Macbeth* are Robert Patterson, Jack Greenwood, Jack Brownfield, Douglas Johnson, and Jack Purcell.

The backdrop for the battle scenes was designed by Professor

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## *Radio and Television Lecture Continues Vocational Series*

The third vocational lecture in the current series in various fields being offered by the alumni of Hamilton was held this evening in Sigma Phi Place. Mr. Halsey V. Barrett, '25, spoke on *Radio and Television*.

The lecture was similiar in content and approach to those held previously in *Advertising* and *Banking*. Mr. Halsey discussed the advances made by television in the past few years and the opportunities offered to a man anticipating entry into these fields.

Following his graduation from Hamilton, Mr. Halsey received his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Harvard. After doing promotional work with various radio stations, and in holding down a navigational lieutenancy during the war, Mr. Halsey last year was named promotion manager of television for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

## *Hill Choir, Utica Choral Group Offer 'Messiah' Here Monday*

Next Monday evening, December 13, at 8:15 P. M., the Hamilton College Choir and the Utica Oratorio Society will present selections from Handel's *Messiah* in the Alumni Gymnasium. Professor Berrian R. Shute will direct the chorus of 180 voices, the orchestra, and the soloists. The orchestra will consist of about 30 pieces, a piano, and an organ. Lorena Stuart Keyes, a lyric soprano from Utica, and Katharine Nugent Lochner, a contralto also from Utica, will sing the soprano and alto parts. Robert Harmon, tenor, and Leon Lishner, bass, will sing the men's solo parts.

This concert which will take the place of the customary Christmas Choir Concert and audience carol singing, marks the first time that any large choral work of this type has been done on College Hill. Admission will be by invitation only. Students, members of the faculty, and members of the staff who have not received invitations and who would like to attend have been urged to see Professor Shute before Monday evening.

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## Congratulations, Charlatans

To all of those connected with the coming presentation of *Macbeth*, the *Spectator* extends its heartiest congratulations. That a group has the enthusiasm, ambition, and downright fortitude to work out such a presentation as *Macbeth* deserves more than just commendation. It demands that the entire College Community — faculty, administration, and students — get behind the Charlatans and show as much interest in their project as they have.

To be praised particularly are the efforts of the Charlatans' student director who has given more of his time and energies to this undertaking alone than many of us have to everything connected with four years of college education.

The *Spectator* is not attempting to sell the Charlatans' production of *Macbeth*. It believes firmly that everyone on the Hill cannot help but feel the desire to add his tribute to Hamilton's dramatic society's praiseworthy efforts by attending one of the two shows in Clinton next week.

## Not A Bulletin Board

At a recent meeting of the Hamilton College Interfraternity Council, the members of that organization decided that it was about time something was done about the Wednesday Chapel Meeting. The gathering has become nothing more than a talking bulletin board. Its potentialities as a meeting to unite the College — faculty and students — into a single body are not being realized.

The Council made specific recommendations to the effect that the number of repititious announcements be *not increased* but *eliminated*. More emphasis should be placed on the weekly College Calendar for routine "who, what, why, when, and where" announcements. The *Spectator* intends to cooperate more fully in this respect with more organization news and announcements and will be better prepared to carry out such intentions when current plans to enlarge the paper materialize.

The *Spectator* would like to add to the IFC recommendations, which are enumerated in a news report of that organization's meeting elsewhere in the paper, one other suggestion. The student body most assuredly would be interested in seeing more of the College's President, Dean and Faculty, and what better place than in the Wednesday Assembly? Their appearance would not have to be synonymous with pep talks, although the need for some is greater than we would like to admit. But certainly we are anxious to hear some of their observations on and solutions to student problems which are more readily understandable to minds of wisdom and experience.

## AFTPOSTLALPOHC

**by C. G. Scala**

Gentlemen, if you harbor any thoughts that the present weather will continue indefinitely, we would like to fall back on about 20 years experience and knowledge of the local weather conditions to say that before the winter has melted into spring there will be more than enough snow to satisfy even the delegate from Juneau, Alaska. As a matter of fact, in order to assure such a situation, we have formed the *Association for the Propagation of Snow through Longer and Louder Praying of Hamilton College*, and we will meet each Wednesday at noon immediately following the Chapel session in the second floor phone booth of Middle Dorm. You do not have to belong to the Holy Rollers, the Great I Am, nor any other denomination, so called, in order to pray with us. Actually there is only one requirement for admittance to the Prayer House, and that is that you hold close in your bosom a red hot love for the fastest and most thrilling sport in the world, ICE HOCKEY.

In forming the AFTPOSTLALPOHC we are confident that the college community will rally to a man in support because the enjoyment and entertainment which ICE HOCKEY provides for the Hill on winter evenings can nowhere be duplicated. The team under Coach Greg Batt has been practicing for two weeks with conditioning the main theme. Anyone who has happened into the gym about 5:30 any of these weekday afternoons can see that the aspirants have really been through a sweat.

Last year when the Clinton Hockey Club played in the Sage Building on Tuesday evenings, the student attendance usually was greater than when the College sextet played at home. This season we would like to see the college body present en toto at the games played here by the Buff and Blue. For the diehards, the word is that the two schedules have been synchronized so that there won't be an unfair attraction on either side.

## Problem --- Commons Food

As always, food is as important an issue as any other on College Hill today. Especially at Commons, where about 190 students and faculty members eat, the quality of meals served this year has been an often recurring subject. Petitions and letters, food committee meetings, and suggestion lists have been tried in attempts to improve the general standards of the meals. Although many grievances have been successfully eliminated, there still remains much dissatisfation.

During the past two weeks a *Spectator* reporter questioned groups of men who eat at Commons and found that some of the current complaints include: overcooked meat (especially beef), too starchy a diet, flavorless food, poor desserts, and repetition of a set menu.

A few weeks ago, a mimeographed suggestion paper was distributed to each person eating in Commons; the paper inquired whether or not the meals were satisfactory, and if not, asked for suggestions. According to Mr. Harry Morris, manager of Commons, the response obtained was valueless because of the great diversity of suggestions proffered. Every student seemed to have a personal complaint differing from that of other students.

Even in the face of rising food costs, however, meals have been generally improving of late. At certain times, Mr. Morris says, there is a poor meal because of factors outside the control of the kitchen staff. For example, the frankfurters served at a noon meal recently were considered by the majority of the diners to be almost impossible to eat. Mr. Morris says that this was the fault of the wholesale grocer, because Swift's Grade A meat was ordered and was supposedly served. Inquiry to the seller will definitely be made, for the Commons director asserts emphatically that all the foods purchased are of the highest quality obtainable.

Students expressed themselves, however, in a manner that would seem to indicate that there remains much criticism of the manner in which meals are presented. A few fairly typical comments on the food situation are as follows:

"The standard of meals is too erratic. Sometimes they're so bad that you don't eat much and get sick. Then when a good meal comes along you eat too much and too quickly — and get sick."

"The diet is unbalanced; there are way too many starches. The main meal of the day and desserts are picking up somewhat, though."

"The meals are improving, except for a few terrible lunches recently."

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the Spectator:

A post-election phenomenon with some features of a religious revival has been the confessions and repentence of the gentlemen of the Press as they have discovered that introspection and intuition are not substitutes for leg work and patient fact-finding.

My purpose in writing is to suggest that reporters and columnists of the Spectator might well join with their professional brothers in attempting to find a sounder basis for their stories. The issue of Nov. 19 contains several examples of the kind of armchair journalism which a little investigation would have made pointless. C. G. Scala naively suggests that perhaps there are some alumni in prep schools who could be encouraged to sell Hamilton to their students and adds that someone from the college should make visits to prep schools to develop interest in Hamilton. The implication is that these means of recruiting have been overlooked. If the writer had visited Mr. Bennett in search of facts, he would have learned that the Admissions Office is constantly in touch with such men as Ed Douglas and Gerry LaGrange at Taft, Chester Cochran at Andover, George Savage at Loomis, Pete Ogilby at Salisbury, Ben Stone and Larry Miller at Governor Dummer, Tom Shields at Bruns-

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## Entertainment in Utica

**by John E. Campion**

Out of long-standing loyalty to the Hill, and because I think both events are well worth mentioning, the first note here will be to remind you that this Monday there will be a concert in the gymnasium and that this Wednesday and Thursday there will be the presentation of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at the Clinton High School Auditorium.

The dramatic associations of Colgate and Cazenovia will present the Broadway hit, *John Loves Mary*, tonite and tomorrow nite at 8:15 and tomorrow afternoon at 2:15. The Norman Krasna comedy will be on view at the Schine State Theater in Hamilton tonite and at the Cazenovia Theater tomorrow. Seats: reserved $1.20; unreserved $ .90.

There's a very fine lecture scheduled for the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute tonite at 8:00. Mr. Edward Steichen, director of the Photographic Department of the Museum of Modern Art, will lecture on *In and Out of Focus* in the Art Gallery, 318 Genesee Street. It will be an illustrated lecture and is being held in connection with the current exhibition at the Institute.

For those of you who have a deep and lasting admiration for Lana Turner's finer points — as much of Miss Turner's charm as can be photographed for general distribution will be on view at the Stanley theater beginning today, Friday, December 10, in MGM's technicolor version of *The Three Musketeers*. There is also a great deal of sword play and excitement for those not interested in *decolletage*.

The show at the Olympic features the latest example of Hollywood bad men, one Richard Widmark, in *Roadhouse*. The cast also includes Ida Lupino, Cornell Wilde, and Celeste Holm who, alone, would probably make the picture worthwhile.

Despite the Utica in this column's heading, it might be well to mention here that Syracuse will be offering some good reasons to take a 50 mile ride. "Number 1 reason" is Pearl Bailey who opens at Andree's tonite. The address is 700 South Salina Street.

A gentleman name Lou Bari who plays the piano and sings has moved into the New Hartford Grill to replace Gene Rodgers. The Town House is presenting what they term "the funniest band in the land", directed by a Bill Turner.

## ETAOIN SHRDLU . . .

**by W. R. Hutchison**

In view of the response to the "Roswell" letter which appeared in this column on November 19, we're obliged to take a last crack at this matter of Freshman conduct. (For those who tuned in late, the letter in question was a reply to the illogical diatribe against the Freshmen which had appeared in the previous issue.) More than one upperclassmen has retorted that the Freshmen are not completely to be exempted from blame for the breaking of rules, windows, and hallowed traditions.

No attempt was or is being made to prove the Freshmen blameless. But one notion still prevalent calls for emphatic correction: the pea-green Freshman is not by anyone's definition a man born with innate ideas of Hamilton's customs. His only guide for action is his observation of the upperclassmen. It is thus absolutely necessary that we show sincere concern for the standards and customs we wish a new class to respect. Unfortunately, this lack of upperclasss example is as evident in matters of tradition and class spirit as it is in the questions of team support and scholarship.

With the official end of restrictions at Christmastime, the Freshmen will be in a position to consider the responsibilities they will assume next year. Perhaps the inadequate job we have done will mark the pitfalls to be avoided in their guidance of an incoming class.

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*Plumbers' Union Pickets Cathedral*
—News Item

A plumbing contractor named Birch
Was left by a church in the lurch.
"They bargained," said he,
"For some plumbing from me,
But they won't have a vise in the church."

# Swimming and Allusions

There are still a few people in their third year of college who are taking swimming lessons. Here is one Junior s story:

"This is ridiculous. I've been swimming since I came here. I've outlasted three instructors."

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The proper attitude which the average student should assume toward such an obscure condition as remains on this campus is difficult to evaluate. One should retain these points, however. (1) The sport of swimming is *passe*. The modernist uses sport-water to ski, to congregate around and to boat. (2) Compulsory swimming is an illogical adjunct to an otherwise practical educational program which is the foundation of the curriculum and its Report. It is to the intellectual's credit that he has always known that the very act of swimming is barbaric in the fundamentalism of its movements and intentions. (3) It may be detrimental to terrorize those sensitive students who have an innate antagonism toward water.

There seem to be a few bright spots in the college Swim Program which must be considered in an honest analysis. For one thing, lessons are administered during the winter months, so that the pool water is but slightly colder than the outside air. Also, it is well that a person be familiar with all swimming strokes. It is the happily educated man alone who is able to profitably realize which one is the best of all possible strokes.

Then again, as another objecting Junior says, "This subtle outrage against the spiritual in life is a curse upon the College and a violation of that part of the Self which should rightfully have been obliterated in the Third Marine Period. I demand a redefinition of terms."

**CHAPEL SPEAKER**
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**
**REV. NORMAN V. HOPE**
**Princeton Theological Seminary**
**Princeton, N. J.**

# Fine Interpretations Mark Monday Concert By Mme. Weiss Mann

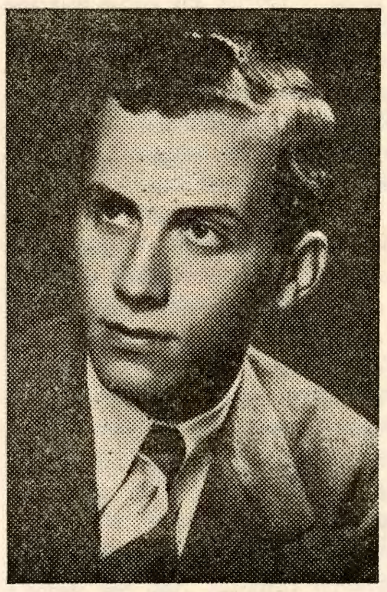
*by Fred Miller*

The Musical Art Society presented Edith Weiss-Mann, harpsichordist; Felix Galimir, violinist; and Hermann Busch, 'cellist, in a program of seventeenth century music last Monday evening in the Chapel. The high point of the evening was Mme. Weiss-Mann's playing of the *Italian Concerto* for solo harpsichord by J. S. Bach. In this, as in her rendition of four harpsichord *Fantasies* by Telemann, Mme. Weiss-Mann achieved a nice balance between rigidity and flexibility. Her relaxed interpretation of line was made solid by an overall rigorousness which is so much a part of this music.

That the strings overpowered the harpsichord in the trio sonatas can be only partly explained by the mixing of harpsichord with violin and 'cello adjusted in the modern manner. Today's string players appear to be caught in a mad scramble for the "big tone". It should be a pleasure to play the violin in a dynamic range so natural to it, instead of having to fill great halls and fight great orchestras with it. If only we could have heard more harpsichord, both with and without strings!

Attendance at the concert was as expected: faculty good; outsiders, good; students, only fair.

# *Man of the Week*



**Dwight Carter**

The beautiful young thing grasps frantically at the angry hands encircling her neck in a viselike grip. She writhes in agony and vainly gasps for breath. Her resistance weakens and then — her body falls limp. Carter has claimed another victim in his long string of violent murders of student and faculty wives.

Though Dwight Carter of New Rochelle, New York, is often cast in the role of the villain when playing in collegiate productions over WIBX, it is not to be assumed that his ability is limited to criminal portrayals. His theatrical history lends him a wealth of experience in widely diversified fields.

After his graduation from Isaac Young High School in 1944, and after a semester at Hamilton during which time he was instrumental in the reactivation of the Charlatans, Dwight served for two years with the Army. He spent six months in Fifth Army Special Service, taking part in several dramatic productions. Following his discharge Carter returned to Hamilton. With the Charlatans Dwight has played leading and supporting roles in *The Tempest, Rising of the Moon, Long Voyage Home, Night at an Inn,* and *Saint Joan.* Still further, Carter acted in summer stock during 1947, appearing for six weeks at the Priscilla Beach Theater, and was then selected to appear with the Lynn Summer Theater group for an additional six weeks.

Thus it would appear that Carter is well qualified for his position as actor-manager of Shakespeare's stirring tragedy, *Macbeth.* In succeeding Mr. Theodore R. Bowie as director of the Charlatans, Carter takes the place of an extremely capable advisor; in the role of Macbeth, he will play one of the most difficult characters in modern drama. He has a gargantuan task before him.

# Debate . . . Cont'd

colleges. It was with this in mind that the Hamilton club has introduced this tournament this year to give novice debaters experience in debating. It is hoped that it will be carried on in future years.

Howard reminded the committee that Hamilton will again be hosts to a larger tournament in February or March, at which time the participants will be high school debaters from all parts of New York State.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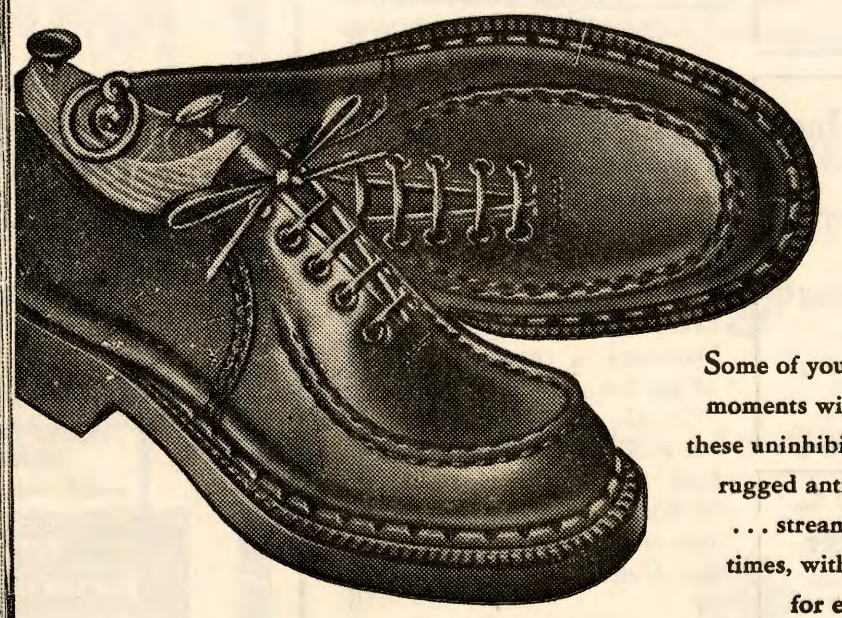

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# Letters to the Editor . . . Cont'd

wick, Hugh Riddleberger at Trinity-Pawling, and many others. To visualize such men as recruiting solely for Hamilton is absurd, however. Their first allegiance must and should be to their jobs and their students.

It is true that at the present time systematic visits to prep schools are not being made but not through ignorance or indifference. At various times in the past when the college has had a field secretary in addition to the director of admissions, such visits were possible. During the last three years such factors as the increase of applications from 300 or fewer to 1000 or more, the requirement of personal interviews, and the vastly increased number of office calls by prospective candidates, parents, and promoters make it physically impossible for Mr. Bennett to tour the prep schools. Even so, in the last few weeks, he has visited Andover, Trinity and Collegiate schools in New York City, and Trinity-Pawling and has interviewed other candidates in New York. The bulk of his recruiting trips, however, are to high schools and to pre-arranged "College Nights". In defense of this practise it may be said that Hamilton has traditionally attracted students mainly from the New York State high schools and is likely to continue to do so even though strenuous efforts were made to go farther afield. Also, experience indicates that a boy from a New England prep school with the kind of athletic and academic qualifications we should like to see is most likely headed for a New England college or university where "the ivy is thought to be thicker and greener."

I should also like to comment on two stories on page 3 of the same issue concerning the radio station. Both stories relate that Mr. Fling failed to provide any circuit diagrams for the equipment he assembled, and it is stated that this oversight was a major factor in the failure of the project. Mr. Fling **did** make circuit diagrams of the entire installation; they were in my possession at one time. In the spring of 1946 at the request of President Worcester I took the equipment out of mothballs and reassembled the station in essentially the original form. The final checking and tuning were done by Jack Dowdell of WIBX who had helped Mr. Fling with the original design and construction. WHC then resumed broadcasting in April 1946 with Bill Kellerhals as chief engineer.

The equipment was old and makeshift in character. Also the station's coverage continued to be unsatisfactory. In an effort to remedy the deficiencies and comply with I. B. S. requirements, a long series of modifications took place culminating last year in a complete rebuilding of the console and audio components and rearrangement of the transmitter. As a result, the present system only remotely resembles the former WHC and Mr. Fling's diagrams are of little or no use to anyone.

I hope that this historical sketch will serve to refute for all time the

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# Dr. Willard Thorpe Edits New History

Much of the work on a massive new 1422-page *Literary History of the United States* recently published by the Macmillan Co., New York, was done on the Hamilton College campus by a Hamilton graduate two summers ago.

The alumnus, Dr. Willard Thorp, is one of the four editors of the work, which has been called the most comprehensive of its type since the publication in 1821 of the *Cambridge History of American Literature*. Graduated in 1920 from Hamilton with Phi Beta Kappa academic standing, he has been a member of the Princeton University faculty since 1926, and is the editor of numerous studies in American and English literature.

He worked on the *Literary History* at Hamilton during the summer of 1946, when he and Mrs. Thorp set up headquarters in the then vacant Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house.

Dr. Thorp, who was prepared for college at Sidney High School, Sidney, N. Y., is one of several members of his family who have graduated from Hamilton. He took his master's degree at Brown University in 1921 and completed his doctorate at Princeton in 1926. He was an assistant professor of English at Smith College from 1922 to 1924, and among his books are *An Oxford Anthology of English Poetry* and *Herman Melville*.

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# SCA . . . Cont'd

ed by the SCA on the campus this year. Rev. Arnold Keller, Jr., and Prof. Edgar Graves spoke previously on other aspects of the period.

# Kirkland Analyzed By William Fenton, Noted Ethnologist

William N. Fenton, Senior Ethnologist of the Smithsonian Institute, gave a lecture entitled, *An Ethnologist Looks At Samuel Kirkland,* in the College Chapel December 1. The talk dealt largely with the period of Kirkland's life which Mr. Fenton called "the period of anthropological observation".

Using material found in Samuel Kirkland's Journals, Mr. Fenton described Kirkland's missionary work in the Seneca Territory and in Cherry Valley, dwelling on his experiences with the Iroquois Indians and his historical writings. Two other periods of Kirkland's life, the political and the educational, were dealt with in lesser detail.

Mr. Fenton mentioned that even without his missionary work and the founding of Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Samuel Kirkland would have been notable as the father of two sons of prominence, one of whom attained the presidency of Harvard.

# Meet the Faculty...

WILLIAM WELCH

William Welch

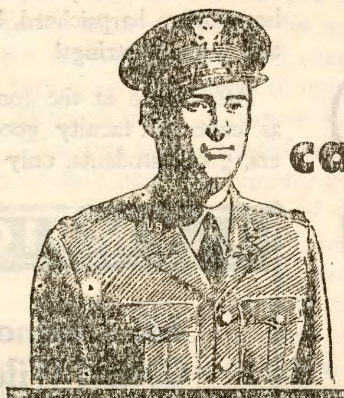
"These snow fences are just stage props. This winter won't turn out to be so bad as the natives claim." Save these prophetic words of William Welch of the Political Science Department so that when you are snowbound in the middle of winter you can read them and be comforted.

Mr. Welch graduated from Harvard in 1938. From there he went to Yale in 1940 where he continued his studies until 1942. During his last year at Yale he taught in the Political Science Department, and at the present time he is continuing work for his Ph. D. from Columbia while teaching here.

Mr. Welch spent three years in the Army, serving with Military Intelligence, the Transportation Corps, and the Military Police.

At Hamilton he resides with his wife in one of the apartments in the Fancher House.

Mr. Welch stated that he enjoyed living at Hamilton and that he liked especially the climate, the accessibility of the golf course and gym, and the "general atmosphere" of the Hill. From the extent of his experience he believes the attitude of the students has been excellent. Mr. Welch said that although he may have to eat his words in a couple of months, "The prophecy stands."



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# Organization News

### NEWMAN CLUB

Last Thursday the Newman Club elected new officers—George Rivers, president; Richard Manz, vice-president; and Tony Simonetti, secretary-treasurer. The new president expressed a strong desire to "see the club get back on its feet". He said that the general disinterest in the club and its inability to get much done that was worthwhile were the main reasons behind the resignations of previous officers.

Since the election, a new constitution has been drawn up by the executive committee. If approved by the club members, this constitution will be sent to the National Newman Club Federation, and the club can then become a member of this organization. Being a member of the National Federation will aid the local club greatly in having more interesting and profitable meetings, according to the committee.

### HONOR COURT

Chairman Charles Reeves of the Honor Court announced that the proposed amendment to the Honor Court Constitution, providing for the emergency appointment of alternate representatives, has been approved by the student body and the faculty and is now in effect.

### IRC

On November 19-21 four members of the International Relatinos Club, James Gow, Basil Countovonesios, Donald Ghent, and Robert Kirk, and advisor Dr. George Lenczowski attended the Middle Atlantic Conference of IRC at Pennsylvania State College.

The three principal speakers were Dr. Clyde Eagleton of the State Department, who discussed "The U. S. and the USSR in the United Nations", Dr. Herbert Feis, former member of the ILO and economic advisor to the Department of State, who spoke on "Improving Economic Relations Between the U. S. and the Soviet Union", and finally Dr. Philip Morrison, former research physicist on the Atomic Bomb Project, who gave an address.

### GEOLOGY CLUB

The Geology Club held its first meeting December 1 at the home of Professor Nelson C. Dale. A constitution, drawn up by Mr. Philip Oxley, was presented and approved, and Lan Potter was named president pro tem to serve until the election of permanent officers at the meeting January 13. Mr. Oxley led a discussion of certan aspects of oil geology as the first of a series of talks by members to be scheduled for each regular meeting. The group also plans to include field trips in its spring program.

### OUTING CLUB

The Outing Club met Monday, November 22, in Root Hall to discuss its winter program. This year, as usual, skiing will constitute the greater part of the club's winter activities. It was announced that the ski hill lacks only the necessary snow in order to be put into use. The barn dance with Skidmore College which was to take place this weekend has been canceled, but may be replaced by a joint ski trip next semester. Plans are being made to incorporate horseback riding and riflery into the club's spring program.

### BLOCK "H"

On December 2, the Block 'H' Club held a meeting at which plans for a sub-freshman weekend were discussed by the few members who attended.

The club, in connection with the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, is sponsoring a reception on February 5 for high school athletes who may be prospective Hamilton students. The club hopes to interest them in continuing their athletic careers here. In connection with this they will see the hockey, basketball, and ski teams in action during the weekend.

A discussion was held about the Monday Morning Quarterback Club's proposal to give athletic scholarships.

## Thorpe . . . Cont'd

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In addition to these projects, Dr. Thorp continued his editorial-study on an annotated study of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* which was published last year while Mrs. Thorp, herself an author and writer of *America at the Movies,* continued her research on a book *Female Persuasion,* a study of the part that women have played in shaping present-day American manners and customs.

He is a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies, and now is professor of English and Chairman of the Program of Study in American Civilization at Princeton.

## First Choir Concert of New Season Presented At Knox in Cooperstown

*by Omar Pound*

Last Friday the Hamilton College Choir gave an evening concert at Knox School in Cooperstown. To deck this event with festivity, the girls took the choristers out to dinner before the concert; and after a strenuous evening of singing, the Hill singers joined the young ladies for a dance, held especially for the occasion.

This concert was the first one in the series, and so, as may well be imagined, everyone was somewhat nervous about it. The program, which the choir had been working on for several weeks, was divided into three sections. The opening item , *The Agincourt Song,* known to those who have seen *Henry the Fifth,* caused much apprehension at the beginning of the second verse when a miscue caused a lack of co-ordination between the conductor and the choir. The perennial *Sleepers, Awake!* was sung without much variation, and monotony was the essence of its performance. This was counteracted by a fine beginning to the *Crucifixus,* from the *B Minor Mass.* The tonal quality of the beginning of this piece was excellent, and with more practice and closer attention to the conductor, it could have been sustained throughout the whole program. In the next piece, *Cum Sancto Spiritu,* again from the *B Minor Mass,* the second tenors obviously lost themselves in several places. Two canons by Ernst Bacon were quite well sung, but the intrinsic merit of these two pieces is questionable. Obviously they were added to the program for contrast, but why not use better music for contrast?

Eric Selch, '52, sang the solo for *I Wonder as I Wander,* and considering that it was his first concert appearance with the Choir, he is to be highly commended, but he needs more assurance, which can only come with experience. The last song of the second section, *Border Ballad,* reminiscent of the Lone Ranger-cum-Rossini, was noticably great fun to sing, but in the interests of musical quality it should be omitted from the next concert program.

To end the concert in true Christmas fashion, the College Choir and Knox School Glee Club joined to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus,* for which everyone traditionally stood. This final effort went off admirably considering that both choirs had only one practice together. Miss Kleinfelter is to be commended for her conducting and enthusiasm.

So that was the first concert of the year for the College Choir. A few general comments on their performance may suggest that the behind-the-scene problems of organizing and directing need careful consideration. The choir's obvious deficiency was lack of practice. This cannot be blamed directly on anyone concerned, for the curriculum does not make allowances for enough practice time for a concert-going choir. One of the solutions to this problem might be to eliminate some of the Sunday anthems which take up much valuable time that should really be devoted to preparing for concerts. A second improvement would be the exclusion of such pieces as *Sinai, Schools and Rules,* and such well-known pieces as *Sleepers, Wake!,* and in their stead one might well sing an Elizabethan madrigal, or some Byrd or Purcell. This would still serve the function of contrast, and yet have more intrinsic value as music; for the time spent in practicing might well be used on really good music which would certainly be of more interest to the choristers, who, after all, must enjoy the music they are singing if they are to sing well.

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# Hamiltonians Help Clinton Club; Rink Nearly Done

The Hill will miss many good hockey games this winter because of the efforts of a group of enterprising Clinton residents, including several Hamilton alumni. The nearly completed $50,000 Clinton Arena will be the scene of Clinton Hockey Club's home contests.

The Arena will have a seating capacity of approximately 2,200. The interior is 228 by 119 feet with a 190 by 85 foot playing surface. Like the Hill's rink, the Arena will use natural ice over a dirt foundation with freezing done by ventilation. Only the team dressing rooms will be heated.

Work on the Kirkland Avenue rink has progressed without major difficulties. Cartwright and Morrison, the general contractors, concluded work on the building itself last week. Team dressing rooms and the building's interior are being completed now. Germond Brothers expect to finish the sideboards and base for the ice within a few days. Volunteer workers are continuing their work on the electrical system and the dressing room heating plant. Today was the final day for filing applications for the restaurant concession lease at the Arena. The Concession Committee will announce the result shortly.

With the purchase of a season skating ticket, Clinton residents may use the rink's facilities when the Hockey Club is not practicing or playing a game.

Money for the project was raised by donations and the Hockey Rink Carnival held on October 22. Block H Club members assisted in the sale of raffle tickets for the building fund.

The project was started by the Clinton Rink Association headed by Edward W. Stanley, '27, president. Other Hamilton alumni taking active part in the project include John B. Allen, '27, R. U. Hayes, Jr., '39, Robert H. Ford, '39, and Gordon M. Hayes, '41.

# Letters to Editor

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alleged dereliction of Mr. Fling which in addition to serving as a convenient alibi is rapidly becoming a part of folklore.

To return to my mission, I submit that all the points I have discussed were accessible to anyone who who cared to seek out authentic information. The alternative is inaccurate and irresponsible reporting.

G. Harvey Cameron

**Mr. Scala did not imply that recruiting in prep schools had been overlooked, but rather that a full-time representative, a field secretary not burdened with any other duties, should travel throughout this part of the country in the interest of advertising Hamilton and interviewing prospective applicants. For a more complete explanation, see Scala's column in the next issue.**

**Last Spring Messers. Carter, Johnson, and Porcino were asked the whereabouts of any diagrams of WHC. None of these men had ever seen or heard of such diagrams. When Fred Stone discussed the diagraming of the station with Mr. Cameron this fall he received the impression that he, too, knew nothing of such diagrams.**

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Dear Roswell,

I've read the P. S. on your last letter over two or three times, and it makes me feel pretty sad. I would like to offer some more fatherly, old-grad, advice, but I guess I had better not try as I have been 100% wrong on everything I told you before you entered — from being taken into my fraternity because you were a legacy — to how much fun you would have coasting down the Hill.

I would guess, though, that it's the system and with 600 in college instead of 200, probably nothing can be done about it — for a while anyway. When I was in college all the Freshmen lived with Juniors or Seniors and when we got out of line we were told about it, but quick. But now you are all living by yourselves, and probably the Juniors and Seniors don't know whether you are Freshmen or Sophomores when they see you walking on the grass, etc.

The way I see it, you are 160 "poor, little sheep who have gone astray", to paraphrase the Yale song, because you are all lumped intogether. Maybe, if your class begins to work in some system of mixing the upperclassmen in with Freshmen, by the time you're Juniors, you and your classmates can change the situation considerably.

You are a smart kid, being your Mother's son, but unless you Freshmen get more help than you have had so far, I don't blame you for recognizing a constructive spirit when you see it. And, from what I can find out, the old Hamilton spirit among all the students — upperclassmen included — is a far cry from what it was in my day. We never put an "s" on the end of it — at least in the houses or dorms.

Yours,
Dad.

*Written by Hamilton Alumnus, '14, who requested that his name be withheld.*

# Squires Forum . . .

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the question and suggested possible legislative action. Mr. Gambs spoke of the discrimination of majority groups.

The second part of the program, consisted of the question and answer period commonly used in this type of forum.

# Attention Paid to Costumes, Lights

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Paul Parker. Galbraith Crump, whose previous work included the tapestry made for the production of *Saint Joan*, was in charge of building and painting the sets. The stage crew aided in their construction.

Special attention has been paid to the costumes to be worn. Selections were made with the idea in mind of achieving as nearly authentic dress as possible. Hilson's Costuming Company of Utica is supplying them.

Unusual lighting effects for the play are by Richard Floberg. The technique of "mood" lighting will be used to compensate for lack of musical accompaniment.

Tickets for the Clinton performances are $1.20 and may be obtained either from student representatives or at the box office open before each show.

# Design of Organ Changed In Move To Rear of Chapel

With the restoration of the College Chapel, which will begin early next semester, the College organ will return to its original position at the rear of the building. Directing this change is Ernest White, Musical Director of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in New York City, and "principal" of the Musical School of Western University in London, Ontario. Mr. White is "the foremost authority on organ design available today" according to Mr. John L. Baldwin, Lecturer in Music and organist at Hamilton.

The new scheme is designed as the most flexible one for both service and recital playing. For congregational singing a *Positif* organ will be built on the rear balcony rail. In the alcove at balcony level the *Great* and *Pedal* pipes will be arranged symmetrically to give a distinct architectural feature in contrast to the *Positif* display.

Also at the upper level of the alcove and piped through the ceiling will be the most novel division of the organ, the *Swell*. This division will be contained in a divided box with expression shades like venetian blinds for each compartment. One half of this unique swell box will contain the fiery reed tone, and the other half the soft string and flute tones.

Upon completion of the moving of the organ, Mr. White will play the dedicatory recital.

**The Alpha Delta Phi House will hold an all-college party tomorrow evening to which the College Community is invited.**

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## *Sport Views*

*by Jack Boynton*

Although one would hardly recognize it by looking out the window, the winter season has arrived and the men destined to tote the Buff and Blue banners for the next three months or so are beating their brains out trying to get into shape for the opening encounters.

The time for the unveiling of the varsity basketball team has arrived with Bob Mackay and his bucket-ballers journeying to Vermont for two games, one against Middlebury today and another with Vermont U. tomorrow. After tomorrow's encounter the squad comes home to stay through February 11 with a six-game home stand. It is rather difficult to make any predictions as yet with respect to the possibilities for the season since the team has been running hot and cold in practice games during the past few weeks. In an early pre-season fray against the East Utica Vets the squad showed a great deal of merit, but after that things slowed up a bit and there appeared to be much room for improvement.

The team will be built around two old Hamilton basketballers, Bob Mackay, the captain and a steady forward, and Bill Tank, sharp-eyed center. With the loss of five good men last year, Coach John Panatier has had to mold a team from freshmen and members of last year's second team. From here it looks as though freshmen Don Thomas and Rog Wood and the Fairport flash Clint Emery, who missed much of last season, are to be the rest of the first string behind Mackay and Tank. Tom Gregory, hampered by a bad knee, and Gordie Burton will be in there giving the old college try for top berths.

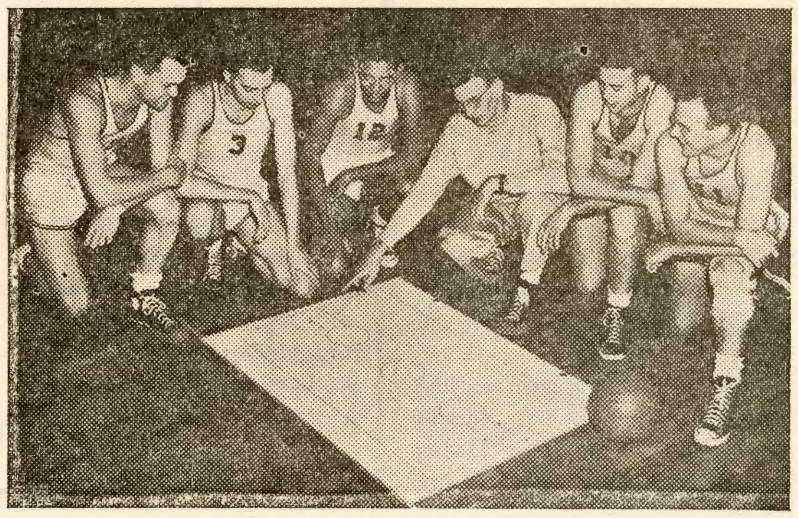
**Beaucoup Swimmers; Divers — Another Story**

Coach Pete Dugan has much to work with when he forms the final listings for the opening swimming meet a week from tomorrow. The boys have been putting in long hours of practice and what looks like a mighty good club is rapidly coming into form. Hampered by the loss of Bill Taverner who went searching for greener pastures, the diving department is going to be about the only major problem to face Pete and Captain Don Gingras when next Saturday rolls around.

**And Don't Forget —**

Hockey has been put back by old man weather who seems determined winter isn't going to come to Hamilton this year. Thus far there hasn't been enough cold weather to make ice-cubes, much less give the boys something to skate on. Practice has been limited to fundamentals in stick handling and general conditioning in preparation for one mighty tough schedule comprising such teams as Princeton which has been practicing for two months and promises to have a far better club than last year, West Point, and two games with Cornell, home and home. All that makes for much work on the part of Gregg Batt and Dick Burns during the coming weeks before the opening game against St. Lawrence on January 8.

## COACH AND 'FIVE' PLAN STRATEGY



Left to right: Wood, Tank, Thomas, Coach Panatier, Emery, Mackay

## MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT FIRST ON BLUE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The spotlight in the Hamilton College sports world swings into the wilds of Vermont this weekend as the Continental basketball team opens a rugged 15-game slate,, tangling with Middlebury and the University of Vermont tonight and tomorrow nights.

With Coach John Panatier making his debut as the Buff and Blue hoop mentor, the Hill quintet will floor a team built around two of last year's veterans and filled out with both old and new men. As for the opposition, both teams have a wealth of experience, neither having lost a man through graduation. Middlebury, soundly trounced by the Continetals last year, will be pointing for revenge, Vermont has had outstanding quintets for the past two years and has already begun its campaign. In the 1946-47 season, the Green Mountain cagers posted a 21-3 record, and last year they won 19 out of 25 contests. In its initial start this season, Vermont bowed 64-42 against the Dartmouth Indians of the Ivy League. In that contest, Kenny Pierce, right forward, and Ed Kotlarczyk, right guard, notched 10 points apiece. The remainder of the starting five will probably see Galli teaming with Pierce up front, with Niemann in the pivot post. In the back court, Livingston will be Kotlarczyk's running mate.

Coach Panatier has been sending his charges through tough scrimmages and practice sessions to get them into shape for the double weekend. Conditioning, an essential part of any sport, as evidenced by the history-shattering soccer performance this fall, has been one of Coach Panatier's main points in practice. Only two positions are definite on the starting five for the Buff and Blue. Captain Bob Mackay, outstanding floor man and set shot artist, will handle his guard assignment, and Bill Tank, rangy center and high scorer, will be in the pivot of Coach Panatier's offense. Tom Gregory, another veteran from last year's varsity, has been hampered by an injured knee and has not worked out recently. Other players back from last season are Gordie Burton, a speedy guard, Clint Emery, smooth-working forward; and Bill Luers, lanky pivot man and forward.

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## *Hamilton Swimmers Face Union Saturday*

The swimming team will open its season here next Saturday against a strong Union squad. Little is known about the Dutchmen except that they have a stronger outfit than they had last year. The two teams split with each other in 1947-48 competition, each winning one meet. According to Coach Pete Dugan, this year's Buff and Blue squad has strengthened itself in the positions in which it was weak last year, but is facing a serious problem in the diving event with the transfer of Bill Taverner. The loss of ace backstroker Joe von Hake, who is out for the rest of the year with a back injury, further hampers the team.

A number of men have shown up well in practice so far this fall. Pete Wood has been doing an excellent job in the 440 and 220 events, while Hank Pope clipped more than 18 seconds off his time in the 440 in a practice meet held at Colgate on December 4. Captain Don Gingras has been improving his breast stroke, and

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## St. Lawrence Scheduled First For Pucksters

### Little Practice Before First Game

A hockey squad of thirty-six men began practice last week in preparation for the first game with St. Lawrence on January 8. Until Christmas recess, when ice should be made in the renovated Sage rink, Coaches Greg Batt and Tom Tileston will concentrate on conditioning their candidates to prepare them for the tough drills that will precede the first game. Unless unusually cold weather makes laying of ice feasible before December 21, the squad will have only three days of practice on ice before it has to face a team which has been working out on Canadian ice for three weeks already.

Although suffering the loss of key men like John Kelly, Dick Carmer, and three of the Burns family — Nick, Owen, and Bernie, the 1948-49 list boasts fourteen returnees from Varsity and JV teams of last season. Among the varsity vets are: wingers Jim Burns, Captain Dick Burns, Bill Von Thurn, Lou Sage, and Jim Scala; centers Carl Knapp and Chris Worthington; defensemen Bill Crew and Dave Nadal; goalies Jerry Steiner and Jim Sontheimer. In addition, John Mayes and Ray Murray, JV stalwarts of last year, are returning to action this season. Sophomore Jim Aitchison is out after returning to Hamilton after a hitch in the Marines.

The large turnout produced Freshmen Jack Greenwood and Rod Gander and Sophomore Bill Wilson as candidates for varsity and goal-tending slot.


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## *Ski Team In Pre - Season Conditioning*

Confined by the lack of snow to cross country running and exercises, Hamilton College's ski team began practice for the 1949 season last week under the direction of Coach J. Franklin Hunt.

About eighteen men, led by Captain Vandy Ward and Bob Smith, winners, respectively, of the slalom and downhill events at the Old Forge Intercollegiate Meet in 1948, and Lan Potter, are out for the team this year. Two of last season's veterans, however, Don Freudenberger and Jim Conboy, will not be able to compete, however.

Cross country races will be held on the campus this year, while slalom and downhill affairs will take place on the newly constructed run near the junction of Routes 12B and 20.

The team, the second on the Hill since the war, will open its season January 8, facing Hobart here.

## Swimming. . . Cont'd

Dick Tomlinson and Harry Ferris have been working on the sprints. Dick Howell, "number two" man in the backstroke last year, has also knocked some time from his mark. Letterman Don Stone, who reported late because of participation in soccer, is doing very well in the 220 and 440 events.

Coach Dugan feels that the squad should be able to show up well despite its youth and this year's heavy schedule.

## Basketball . . . Cont'd

Other players battling for the three open spots on the starting five are: Harry Thornton, a transfer from and member of Mohawk's five; Sophomores Chuck Farber, Jack Rushmore, and Don Huffmire; and Freshmen Don Thomas, Rog Wood, John Egner, Ted Mullett, and Bill Galvin.

## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

**BASKETBALL**

Dec. 10 Middlebury at Middlebury, Vt.
Dec. 11 Vermont at Burlington, Vt.
Dec. 17 Hobart
Dec. 20 Wagner
Jan. 11 Rochester
Jan. 15 Alfred
Feb. 5 Union
Feb. 11 R. P. I.
Feb. 18 Trinity at Hartford, Conn.
Feb. 19 Worcester Poly at Worcester, Mass.
Feb. 22 Stevens Tech
Feb. 25 Allegheny
Feb. 26 Union at Schenectady
Mar. 2 Hobart at Geneva
Mar. 5 Albany State

**SKIING**

Jan. 8 Hobart
Jan. 15 Colgate
Jan. 30 Syracuse, Hobart, Cortland at Syracuse
Feb. 5 Cortland State
Feb. 19 At Paul Smith's
Feb. 26 Old Forge Invitational at Old Forge

**HOCKEY**

Jan. 8 St. Lawrence
Jan. 12 Cornell at Ithaca
Jan. 15 Georgetown
Jan. 22 Alumni
Jan. 29 Princeton at Princeton, N. J.
Feb. 5 Clinton Hockey Club at Sage Rink
Feb. 9 Colgate
Feb. 12 Victoria
Feb. 16 Union at Schenectady
Feb. 19 Middlebury
Feb. 23 Army at West Point
Feb. 26 Clinton Hockey Club at Clinton Rink
Mar. 2 Cornell

**SWIMMING**

Dec. 10 Union
Jan. 8 Rochester
Jan. 15 Cortland State
Feb. 4 Brooklyn
Feb. 12 Niagara
Feb. 18 Union at Schenectady
Feb. 19 Brooklyn Poly at Brooklyn
Feb. 25 R. P. I.
Mar. 4 Buffalo at Buffalo
Mar. 5 Rochester at Rochester

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